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**Veterans Affairs and Community Partners to Highlight Veteran Suicide Prevention Efforts in Southern New Jersey July 13**

**NORTHFIELD, N.J.** — The Veteran community of southern New Jersey will come together to highlight joint efforts to end suicide among Veterans at an event to be held July 13 outside of the Veterans Affairs Atlantic County Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Northfield.

- **What:** Veteran Suicide Prevention and Resources Event
- **Where:** 1909 New Road, Northfield, NJ 08225
- **When:** Tuesday, July 13 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Representatives from Wilmington Veterans Affairs Medical Center, community partners and local, state and federal government agencies have formed coalitions and will speak on plans and a way forward to put an end to death by suicide among Veterans, Veteran family members and military personnel by raising awareness and connecting those in need with resources and care.

For the last 30 days, 600 flags have flown at the site of the event to memorialize the approximately 20 Veterans whose lives end daily across the nation because of suicide.

According to the [VA's Veteran Suicide Data and Reporting Mental Health](#), in 2018 (most recent available data), the New Jersey Veteran suicide rate was nearly seven points higher than the New Jersey non-Veteran suicide rate (17.4 vs. 10.9 per 100,000).

**Veteran Crisis Line**

If you are a Veteran or know a Veteran in crisis, the Veterans Crisis Line is a free, confidential resource that Veterans, their families, and their friends can access every day at any time. Call 1-800-273-8255 and Press 1, chat online at [VeteransCrisisLine.net](http://VeteransCrisisLine.net) or text to 838255. Trained responders — some of them Veterans themselves — are ready to listen, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.



Flags of the Forgotten photo from the instillation set up June 17.

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